Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary

## **SUMMARY COMMENTS**

Harrison Crawford State Forest Compartment 29 Tract 7 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 11/14/2013 Comments Received: 1

The table below is a summary of public comments received concerning the draft Resource Management Guide. The public comments received have been reviewed in their entirety and given due consideration summarized in the Division of Forestry response below.

	Division of Forestry Response
<ul> <li>Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart.</li> <li>Concern on potential for soil erosion from timber harvesting and regeneration openings.</li> <li>Concern that prescribed regeneration openings will encourage growth of raspberries, briars and roses and inhibit oak and hickory. Creates redundant habitat.</li> <li>Concern for endangered or threatened species. Recommends thorough inventory of birds and other wildlife.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Per the Resource Management Process, the flowchart order and timeline are for reference and are approximate. Actual process activities may occur somewhat out of the shown order. Comments received during comment periods are given consideration as part of the overall management process.</li> <li>BMPs will be utilized to address soil erosion concerns.</li> <li>Regeneration openings create dense woody stem habitats, which is quite different than the grassy open habitats of the ridge top wildlife openings noted (not redundant)</li> <li>Regeneration openings will temporarily spur growth of raspberries and to a lesser degree briars and roses- along with long term growth of light demanding tree species like oak and hickory among others.</li> <li>Natural heritage data are reviewed as part of the management planning process to check for bird and wildlife RTE species on or near the management unit.</li> </ul>